

MANY DRUNKARDS IN DRY TERRITORY

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House yesterday by committees and placed on the calendar were: Creating a road board for Henrico county, and taking road work from the Board of Supervisors; the measures increasing the powers of the State Board of Health; imposing a license tax of \$50 on pilots.

Annexation Bill Hearing.

What is generally called the Richmond-Manchester annexation bill went to the Senate from the House, which it has already passed; was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and was set for a hearing at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The crop of new bills is growing large. Seven were introduced in the Senate yesterday and nine in the House. One of the former was a bill by Senator Strode applying the provisions of the national employers' liability law to Virginia. Another was a measure by Senator Holt, providing boards of directors or boards of visitors to elect one of their number to a position of emolument within their gift. This is a result of the late election for Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

SENATE

At the customary hour, the Senate convened yesterday with President Pro Tem, Echols in the chair.

In the absence of a chaplain, Senator Parks, of Page, delivered an eloquent and impressive prayer, expressing the hope that the Senators might be guided all through the session by the grace of God, and so legislate as to be commended by the people for devotion to their welfare and the common good.

Communications from the House in reference to various House bills were received.

Favorable reports were received on the following bills: Senator Holt's bill to make the term of the Commonwealth's Attorney of Newport News four years, his compensation not to exceed \$1,500; Senator Elam's bill permitting the town of Clarksville to purchase outstanding bonds of the State; Senator Elam's bill authorizing the supervisors of Mecklenburg county to purchase the highway toll bridge at Clarksville; Senator Harman's bill amending an act to incorporate the town of Honaker; Senator Gayle's bill fixing rates for the compensation of clerks, sheriffs, and Commonwealth's Attorneys; Senator Holland's bill authorizing the Council of Suffolk to borrow money and issue bonds for the payment thereof.

Governor's Message Received.

Secretary Owen presented a message from the Executive in regard to a claim against the Federal government for unauthorized use of land of the State by Virginia at the beginning of the nation.

On motion of Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, who deemed the matter of great importance to the State, the message was referred and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed.

Senator Thornton's bill as to the number of commissioners in chancery, after several routine amendments, was given the final assent of the Senate.

Senator Hart's bill providing that in cases of non-support a wife may testify against her husband; Senator Grady's bill providing for the election of a judge of the Circuit Court for Elizabeth City and Accomack; Senator Lesner's bill providing for the regulation and inspection of public laundries—all these received their last reading and were passed.

Senator Hart, of Roanoke, offered a resolution authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to draw on the Treasury for a sum not exceeding \$2,500 to defray the contingent expenses of the Senate. It was passed.

Senator Wickham, of Henrico, offered a resolution changing the Senate rules, so as to empower the Committee on Nominations to extend the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education. The resolution was adopted.

Senator Strode, of Amherst, took the chair.

State Law Examiners.

On the second reading of Senator Gravatt's bill to provide for the election of law examiners, the patron of the bill explained its purpose.

Senator Polkes, of Richmond city, did not think that a body of examiners should be created to spend mileage out of the pockets of young men trying to get into the profession.

Senator Grady, of Caroline, explained that the fee proposed to be charged is much less than that in many other States. The bill went to third reading.

Senator Echols, of Staunton, called up for immediate passage his bill authorizing Augustus to erect a monument to the maintenance of its good roads, built in part with State aid, the fund to be raised by means of tolls charged for use of the road. He explained that some provision was necessary for maintenance, and that this, under the circumstances, seemed the only feasible mode.

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Tolls Usual in Valley.

Yet, he thought, some counties are so accustomed to the building of good roads and so familiar with the problem of maintenance in them that they would not resent the payment of tolls.

In such localities, under present conditions, he felt that tolls might be imposed. In the Valley of Virginia people have for long years been accustomed to toll roads, and there he felt the project might be carried out with better chance of popular support than in those localities where good roads are new things.

Senator Thornton, of Fairfax, called up his bill, authorizing certain turnpike companies in Loudoun, Fairfax and Alexandria counties to be taken over by the Washington and Leesburg Turnpike Company in order to establish a public convenience. Constitutional reading having been waived, the bill was passed.

On motion of Senator Halsey, of Lynchburg, adjournment took place at 1:55 o'clock.

HOUSE

Rev. E. C. Buck, a member of the House from Washington county, offered prayer when the body was called to order yesterday.

Among the Senate bills reported as passed by that body was the one donating the corner of the Capitol Square, which was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

Several bills were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation. The bill creating a road board for Henrico county, and that allowing the Washington and Leesburg Turnpike Company to construct its road along part of a former public highway.

The Finance Committee reported a bill levying a \$50 license tax on pilots.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, of Henrico, the usual order was drawn on the State Auditor for a warrant for the payment of the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Governor's Message.

Secretary Owen brought the message from the Governor, which was read and referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. On motion of Mr. Jennings, 500 copies of the message and accompanying documents were ordered printed.

Mr. Parr, of Patrick, asked that his proposed amendment to the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. On motion of Mr. Page, of Hanover, both the amendments went to that committee.

The calendar having been reached, House bill No. 1 was again passed by the House.

The following House bills were passed on their third and final reading:

No. 5, providing for certain sanitary arrangements to be placed in workshops and factories. Patron, Mr. Cox.

No. 11, increasing the number of Commissioners of the Revenue in certain counties. Patron, Mr. Wessler.

No. 14, changing the time for making certain reports on school matters. Patron, Mr. Adams.

No. 17, appropriating \$225 to the monument fund of the Society of the Immortal Six Hundred Confederate Veterans. Patron, Mr. Keyser.

No. 18, to exempt the United States land from the maintenance of its good roads, built in part with State aid, the fund to be raised by means of tolls charged for use of the road. He explained that some provision was necessary for maintenance, and that this, under the circumstances, seemed the only feasible mode.

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guage. Patron, Mr. Johnson, of Russell.

No. 37, exempting registered practicing pharmacists from jury service. Patron, Mr. Moncreau, of Alexandria.

No. 38, to suspend sentences and to allow bail in certain cases. Patron, Mr. White.

No. 39, to give notice of thirty days on motion to correct mistakes in land matters. Patron, Mr. Stephenson, of Bath.

No. 42, to require the assessed value of a bank's real estate to be deducted from its assets.

No. 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, all bills allowing different magisterial districts in Norfolk county to borrow money for school purposes. Patrons, Mr. Owens and Mr. Silvester.

No. 49, making election frauds felonies. Patron, Mr. Keyser.

No. 50, amending the road law of Culpeper county. Patron, Mr. Bell.

No. 51, repealing an act declaring Covington, River and public highway. Patron, Mr. Stephenson, of Bath.

No. 52, allowing courts to appoint land assessors in vacation. Patron, Mr. Good.

No. 54, requiring lands omitted from the 1880 census to be assessed. Patron, Mr. Spensard, by request.

No. 55, appropriating \$2,845 to pay a deficit on the construction of the Swanson building at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. Patrons, Mr. Templeton and Mr. Kemper.

No. 56, the usual bills allowing the funding of the old public debt.

No. 57, to provide that books of entry and survey shall be kept in clerks' offices or other safe places. Patron, Mr. St. John.

No. 58, to make venire facias and returns on game matters of public record. Patron, Mr. White.

Most of these measures went through without objection. However, there were explanations and arguments on some points.

Drunkards in Dry Towns.

Mr. Oliver, of Fairfax, wanted to add imbricaries to those persons to be looked into by the State Board of Charities. Mr. Williams, of Giles, inquired what he meant by imbricaries.

Mr. Oliver said, "I mean in what is supposed to be a dry town, and that, as is always the case in such communities, there were a large number of confirmed drunkards. He said he desired statistics on this subject. His amendment was lost.

On the bill exempting pharmacists from jury service, Mr. Yarell, of Greensville, asked who are exempt now from such service. Mr. Page, of Hanover, said:

"Pharmacists, Mr. Oliver said that pharmacists are exempt now while on duty, and that the present law works a hardship in cases where there are but two men, one of whom might have to work continuously while the other was on a jury."

Quite a controversy arose from the bill regarding the Copswater River. In 1822 the Legislature declared this stream a public highway, and the present bill is to repeal that action.

Mr. Page, of Hanover, objected to the bill and asked for further time, so that parties might be heard. The patron, Mr. Stephenson, of Bath, said he hoped Mr. Page would be frank enough to say that he represents a few fishermen, and that the bill would deprive them of their livelihood.

The bill requiring surveyors' records to be kept in clerks' offices or other safe places caused a good deal of talk. However, it finally passed its second reading.

At 2:11 the House adjourned.

Senate Bills

By Mr. Parks: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to amend the public roads and bridges in page county.

By Mr. Halsey: A bill providing for the election in 1912, also the election of members of the State Corporation Commission by the qualified voters of the State, and providing for their terms and commissions.

By Mr. Holt: A bill to prohibit any board of directors or board of visitors of any State or public institution to elect one of its members to a salaried position.